

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 164 – HB 499

March 29, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Makes grammatical and stylistic changes to Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-14-403 relative to the duties of the executive director of the District Public Defenders Conference.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015027): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates six new assistant public defender positions. Requires the District Public Defenders Conference to prepare a report and submit it to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives outlining in which judicial districts the new assistant public defenders should be designated.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$579,800/FY16-17
\$533,600/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the DPDC, each PD will be hired at a starting salary of \$56,800. The new positions will result in increased state expenditures of \$457,360.80 {[\$56,800 salary + (\$56,800 x 0.1503) benefits + (\$56,800 x 0.0765) FICA + \$6,544.56 insurance] x 6}.
- According to the DPDC, each PD will require \$12,700 in recurring expenditures for travel, online research, supplies, training, professional privilege tax, etc. for a total of \$76,200 (\$12,700 x 6) per year.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures for PD positions is estimated to be \$533,560.80 (\$457,360.80 + \$76,200).
- According to the DPDC, each PD will require \$7,700 in one-time state expenditures for online research, furniture, phone, internet, and data processing equipment. The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$46,200 (\$7,700 x 6).

- The total increase in state expenditures in FY16-17 is estimated to be \$579,760.80 (\$46,200 total one-time expenditures + \$533,560.80 total recurring expenditures); and the total recurring increase in state expenditures in FY17-18 and subsequent years is estimated to be \$533,560.80.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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